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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I believe very strongly in competition between local and large internet service providers and phone service. I chose a local service provider (Gorge Networks) in the small town of Hood River, OR, and receive wonderful service, including VoIP telephone service.

We have competitive telephoned internet services here in this town and surrounding rural areas, and we want to keep it that way!

I want a choice between the large companies and the small companies. Competition is absolutely necessary to keep prices at a level that I can afford. Broadband is critical to my business as an author of books, and also for my personal use.

If the giant companies push out the much smaller local providers, there will be price increases. No price hikes! I won't be able to afford price hikes, living on very limited fixed income (\$1,000/month) and being an author with limited income from my writing.

Thank you,

Darryl Lloyd